

**PRAYER CORNER**

Almighty God, as we ask your help  
for our brothers and sisters who are ill,  
we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place.  
May your love touch others through us,  
and may I help all people to live in peace.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Frances of Assisi

**JESUS SPEAKS TO US**

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20

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**ORDINARY TIME : May 30th**  
Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: *Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.*

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist *par excellence* to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler. On solemn occasions a thanksgiving *Te Deum* rises spontaneously from Christian hearts.

The feast of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's *Te Deum* of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honor of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is *the* day of the Most Holy Trinity.

Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch



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**Mass Schedule:**

- Monday-Friday — 7:00 a.m.
- Saturday — 8:00 a.m.
- Saturday — 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday — 10:00 a.m.
- Holy Day -- see bulletin

**Confessions:**

- Wednesday 6:00 p.m. — 6:50 p.m.
- Friday 9:00 a.m. — noon
- Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:50 p.m.
- Office Hours:**  
Mon, Wed, & Fri  
10:00 a.m. — 3 :00 p.m.

**FATHER BART'S CORNER**

**My sisters and brothers:**

**The Fruits of the Holy Spirit**

When we cooperate with the graces and gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit, we grow as followers of Jesus. We see the effect of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives in special qualities and attitudes that we develop as we grow in faith. The Church identifies these qualities and attitudes as the fruits of the Holy Spirit. (not fruits like apples and oranges) The 12 fruits of the Holy Spirit are signs that the Holy Spirit is alive within us and helping us live the Catholic faith in our daily lives.

**Love:** We exhibit the virtue of charity or love, by our unselfish devotion and care for God and our neighbor.

**Joy:** We live with joy when we recognize that true happiness comes, not from money or possessions, but from knowing and following Christ.

**Peace:** We are freed from worrying about trivial things because of the inner peace we experience with God in our hearts. We work and pray for peace throughout the world.

**Patience:** We demonstrate patience by treating others with tolerance and thoughtfulness. We know that we can overcome the temptations and sufferings of life because God is always with us.

**Kindness:** We live the virtue of kindness by treating others as we want to be treated.

**Goodness:** We exhibit goodness when we honor God by avoiding sin and always trying to do what we know is right.

**Generosity:** We demonstrate the fruit of generosity when we share our gifts and possessions with others.

**Gentleness:** Gentle people act calmly and avoid actions that might lead others to anger or resentment.

**Faithfulness:** When we live out our commitment to the teachings of Jesus, the Scriptures and the Catholic Church we are faithful.

**Modesty:** We exhibit modesty by being pure in our thoughts, words and dress.

**With prayers and love,  
Fr. Bart, S.V.D**

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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**Monday, May 31**

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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**Tuesday, June 1**

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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**Wednesday, June 2**

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

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**Thursday, June 3**

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

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**Friday, June 4**

Live Stream Mass: 7:00 a.m.

Adoration 8:00 a.m.—noon

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**Saturday, June 5**

Live Stream Mass: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration 4:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.

Confessions 4:00 p.m.—4:50 p.m.

Mass: 5:00 p.m.

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**Sunday, June 6**

Live Stream Mass: 10:00 a.m.

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Weekday Confessions thirty minutes before morning Mass.

**Weekly Readings**

- 5/31—ZEP 3:14-18a or ROM 12:9-16; LK 1:39-56
- 6/1—TB 2:9-14; MK 12:13-17
- 6/2—TB 3:1-11a, 16-17a; MK 12:18-27
- 6/3—TB 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17, 8:4-9a; MK 12:28-34
- 6/4—TB 11:5-17; MK 12:35-37
- 6/5—TB 12:1, 5-15, 20; MK 12:38-44
- 6/6—EX 24:3-8; HEB 9:11-15; MK 14:12-16, 22-26

*Vocation View*

**We are sent to proclaim the Gospel to the very ends of the Earth, so that we might draw others into union with the Triune God. Be courageous in showing your faith that others may know the reason for your joy.**

**Divine Word Vocation Office  
1-800-553-3321  
www.svdvocations.org**

**PARISH CORNER**

**The Visitation**

*And Mary rising up in those days went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda. [Lk. 1:39]*

How lyrical that is, the opening sentence of St. Luke's description of the Visitation. We can feel the rush of warmth and kindness, the sudden urgency of love that sent that girl hurrying over the hills. "Those days" in which she rose on that impulse were the days in which Christ was being formed in her, the impulse was his impulse.

Many women, if they were expecting a child, would refuse to hurry over the hills on a visit of pure kindness. They would say they had a duty to themselves and to their unborn child which came before anything or anyone else.

The Mother of God considered no such thing. Elizabeth was going to have a child, too, and although Mary's own child was God, she could not forget Elizabeth's need—almost incredible to us, but characteristic of her.

She greeted her cousin Elizabeth, and at the sound of her voice, John quickened in his mother's womb and leapt for joy.

I am come, said Christ, that they may have life and may have it more abundantly. [Jn. 10, 10] Even before He was born His presence gave life.

If we practice this contemplation taught and shown to us by Our Lady, we will find that our experience is like hers.

If Christ is growing in us, if we are at peace, recollected, because we know that however insignificant our life seems to be, from it He is forming Himself; if we go with eager wills, "in haste," to wherever our circumstances compel us, because we believe that He desires to be in that place, we shall find that we are driven more and more to act on the impulse of His love.

And the answer we shall get from others to those impulses will be an awakening into life, or the leap into joy of the already wakened life within them.

Excerpted from *The Reed of God*, Caryl Houselander

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Memorial Day**

Memorial Day is an American holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Memorial Day 2021 is Monday, May 31. Traditionally, on Memorial Day, people visit cemeteries and memorials, and volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. And some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemorations was organized by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina less than a month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, as Decoration Day gradually came to be known, originally honored only those lost while fighting in the Civil War. But during World War I the United States found itself embroiled in another major conflict, and the holiday evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War II, The Vietnam War, The Korean War and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees; the change went into effect in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.

Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem. On a less somber note, many people take weekend trips or throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because Memorial Day weekend—the long weekend comprising the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day and Memorial Day itself—unofficially marks the beginning of summer.



Remember - our fallen heroes. They are the reason that we are free.

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**PRAYER IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

**THE TRADITION OF PRAYER**

**Prayer to Jesus**

**"Come, Holy Spirit"**

**2670** "No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit."<sup>21</sup> Every time we begin to pray to Jesus it is the Holy Spirit who draws us on the way of prayer by his prevenient grace. Since he teaches us to pray by recalling Christ, how could we not pray to the Spirit too? That is why the Church invites us to call upon the Holy Spirit every day, especially at the beginning and the end of every important action.

If the Spirit should not be worshiped, how can he divinize me through Baptism? If he should be worshiped, should he not be the object of adoration?<sup>22</sup>

**2671** The traditional form of petition to the Holy Spirit is to invoke the Father through Christ our Lord to give us the Consoler Spirit.<sup>23</sup> Jesus insists on this petition to be made in his name at the very moment when he promises the gift of the Spirit of Truth.<sup>24</sup> But the simplest and most direct prayer is also traditional, "Come, Holy Spirit," and every liturgical tradition has developed it in antiphons and hymns.

**2672** The Holy Spirit, whose anointing permeates our whole being, is the interior Master of Christian prayer. He is the artisan of the living tradition of prayer. To be sure, there are as many paths of prayer as there are persons who pray, but it is the same Spirit acting in all and with all. It is in the communion of the Holy Spirit that Christian prayer is prayer in the Church.

- <sup>21</sup> 1 Cor 12:3.
- <sup>22</sup> St. Gregory of Nazianzus, *Oratio*, 31,28:PG 36,165.
- <sup>23</sup> Cf. Lk 11:13.
- <sup>24</sup> Cf. Jn 14:17; 15:26; 16:13.

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**Jesus, I trust in you.**

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